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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Wishing its patrons, readers and friends a happy new year, that 1918 will be filled with every grace and blessing for each and every one of them is our heartfelt prayer. What the near future portends none can tell, but nevertheless we should pray and be true to God and country, in order that a glorious victory and peace and prosperity may soon dawn over our beloved country. May all live to see the devastating war ended and peace restored throughout the world.

THIS YEAR ENDS.

It is the end of the year, an unusual year, a hard year, a telling year all the world over. Maybe you have had more than your share of troubles; maybe you have had more than your share of good fortune. It is useless to sermonize and preach about New Year's resolutions. It is a waste of time to call for reform, to harp on personal failings. One thing alone needs to be answered. The personal element comes into the answer very strongly, but not in an offensive manner. Each can solve the question in the secrecy of his own heart, to the satisfaction of his own conscience. As 1917 comes to a close and as 1918 presents itself with the dew of birth still fresh upon it, ask yourself this question:

If you were given the opportunity of living 1917 over again, would you live it as you have lived it, or would you change?

And according to the way in which you answer that question, live 1918!

ACTION THAT SPEAKS.

It is a comfort to Catholics, and to say the least must be discomfiting to certain bigoted non-Catholic individuals when they see the splendid show of patriotism manifested everywhere these days by the Catholic priests and laity of the United States. One example of this loyalty is the vast pride with which the Catholic colleges throughout the country are following their students in the war, and encouraging others, who are able, to be ready to sacrifice everything for common welfare. If an observant Catholic reader of some of our Catholic periodicals has followed the contest between the colleges, all claiming that the number of stars in their service flag was the greatest, he can not have helped a smile of gloe, and perhaps he will chuckle out loud when he hears that St. Louis University claims that the reason she has hoisted no service flag at all is because the flagmakers can't cut out the stars fast enough. She has 843 boys in the service today, and the number is still going up.

ACTS TOO LATE.

A mania for investigation seems again to have taken possession of Congress. Committees are investigating the delay in military preparation, the sugar shortage, and the coal situation. The trouble with these investigations is that they lead nowhere. If they gave any promise of relief we might have more patience with them. To find out after the harm has been done that certain men made mistakes or that certain interests were greedy does little good. Why were not the mistakes guarded against beforehand, and why were not selfish interests efficiently curbed. If Congress would attend to those things there might be less need for investigations.

SEND THEM OVER.

The military writer on the London Times thinks the Allies will be compelled to put forth great efforts to hold their own, until America can render effective aid in the war. He points out that Great Britain can extend conscription to Ireland and raise the age limit for service to fifty years, comb the industries and send youths of eighteen to the front. By vigorous application of all these means, in his view, the Allies can "carry on" until the Americans arrive in force. Extending conscription to Ireland is easy in theory. In practice it might prove worse than useless. It is reported, however, that there are 250,000 trained British soldiers in Ireland at the present time. These might be sent to France at once. They could do much more service for the Allies there than where they are.

NOT JUST YET.

The administration will not ask for legislation providing for universal military service at this session of Congress. Col. Roosevelt takes the administration severely to task for this neglect. While we believe in the principle of universal military training, we do not believe that this is the time to undertake it. We have enough to do to train the men whom we shall have to send to Europe as soon as possible. This is no time to waste energy in training boys who can not be fit for active service for at least two years. Had we established universal military service ten years ago there would now be a different story to tell. Our immediate work is the winning of the war.

MESSAGE TO AMERICA.

Pope Benedict on Monday gave to the Associated Press this Christmas message for the American people:

"The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take to heart, in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of Christmas—the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self. More especially he calls upon the little children, to whom this day belongs, to pray with all their hearts to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth."

DIVIDE THE GAS FAIRLY.

The recent blizzard developed the fact that there is not enough natural gas coming to Louisville to give to all of our citizens as much as they would like to have. There is no immediate prospect of obtaining a materially better supply. This state of facts brings sharply to the fore the question of the distribution of Louisville's gas supply. The Louisville Gas Company says that the average consumption of all the people is only 200 feet of gas per day, but that a comparatively few people burn as much as 10,000 feet per day. It has been found to be necessary to ration sugar, coal, and railroad transportation. Otherwise a few persons would use the whole supply and the balance of the people would get none. The officials of the Gas Company say that if no one is allowed to burn more than 1,500 feet per day, cold weather then everyone would get a good service. An arrangement of this sort would be to the advantage of everyone, even to the large consumers, as it is better to get a good service to such fixtures as are used rather than to get a bad service on all fixtures.

The gas supply of the city is too important to be left in the present chaotic condition. Gas is peculiarly the fuel of the working man. Their woe cook their meals. With a good gas supply they can cook quickly and comfortably; without a poor gas supply cooking either can not be done at all, or it is done slowly and vexatiously. Naturally the Gas Company does not want to shut off the consumption of its large and profitable consumers. The city should compel it to shut off this consumption whenever conditions are such that in order to supply these large consumers a poor service must be given to the mass of the people. The City Government represents all the people and they should at once see that the natural gas is apportioned fairly. No one should get more than his share until everyone has had his share. This is only simple justice and we commend it to our newly elected Mayor and General Council. The rebate plan has been tried. The people who get plenty of gas also get big rebates. Those who can get no gas get no rebates either. What the people want is gas with which to cook their meals and do such heating as is required in small houses. Large residences can be heated with coal. They were heated with coal before the gas came, and while it involves some inconvenience it does not involve the actual suffering which comes to families who are dependent upon gas for cooking and who can not cook at all when the pressure is low.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours Devotions, always of great religious interest to the people of St. Brigid's parish, will open in that church tomorrow morning with high mass, continuing until Tuesday. Rev. Father Janzen, the pastor, will direct the services and will be assisted by a number of the local clergy.

NEW ALBANY.

Daniel Russell, of New York, and John Russell, of Mattoon, Ill., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Mary Russell, East Oak street, New Albany.

Clarence Murphy, who had been spending a furlough in the city, has returned to Camp Pike, near Little Rock. He is in his Medical Reserve Corps.

COMING EVENTS.

January 15-16—Annual charity social of Ladies' Sewing Society for St. Anthony's Hospital.
January 25—Euchre and lotto party in St. William's school hall, Thirteenth and Oak.

SOCIETY.

Frank M. and Mrs. O'Connor spent Christmas with relatives in Indianapolis.

Sergeant Will Kearney was home on a visit from Camp Shelby during the holidays.

Mrs. William Collins has been visiting at Danville, the guest of Frank Timony and family.

Hilary Mattingly, of Chicago, arrived Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Mattingly.

Mrs. Mary May Connor has returned from Middlesboro, where she attended the Sampson-Moss wedding.

Albert D. Gregg, a former Louisville boy, now located in Akron, Ohio, was here on a visit during the holidays.

Mrs. Henry Dorn and children spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, at Columbus, Ind.

Misses Debie Harris and Katherine Rouse, students at Nazareth, are spending the holiday vacation at their home at Mt. Washington.

Miss Katherine Ryan, who is attending school at Nazareth, is spending the Christmas holiday vacation at her home in Russellville.

Paul R. Mallon, who is a student of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., is spending the holidays with his mother in Garvin Place.

J. J. Liston, of the Kentucky Field Hospital at Camp Shelby, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Liston.

Miss Mary Virginia Howard, who is attending Oxford College in Ohio, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Park Howard, Thirty-ninth street.

Miss Mary Corcoran and niece Miss Charlotte Smith, have closed their home on East Market street, Jeffersonville, and will spend several weeks at the Welsinger-Gambert.

Mrs. T. J. Wickham was here for a few days last week, having come to meet William Wickham, on his way from Jasper College to spend the Christmas vacation at his home in Bloomfield.

Mrs. John F. Chester and daughters, Abbie, Mabel and Margaret, are at Camp Shelby on a visit to Sergeants Boyd and Edmund Chester, and before returning will visit relatives at New Orleans.

Col. and Mrs. P. H. Callahan, who have been spending several weeks in Washington, returned Monday and will be at the Seelbach during their stay here. Their daughter, Miss Edith, has joined them there.

Misses Evelyn Sweeney, Marcella Coil, Mildred and Frances Haus and Jack Driscoll have returned from Indiana University at Bloomington, and are spending the holidays as guests of their parents in Jeffersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McDonald have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Emily Condit McDonald, to Stanley Ward Walker, which was solemnized by the Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald on Thursday evening of last week in the presence of the two immediate families. Mr. and Mrs. Walker left immediately after the ceremony for New York.

The wedding of Miss Mary Athon and William Mayer took place Saturday afternoon at St. Charles Borromeo church, the Rev. Charles P. Raffo officiating. Mr. Mayer had as his best man his brother, Alfred Mayer, and Miss Sadie Benedict was Miss Athon's maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer will make their home with the groom's parents.

SEILER-CLEGG.

The marriage of Miss Mary Seiler and Albert W. Clegg was solemnized Monday morning at the Cathedral of the Assumption, the Rev. Father Francis O'Connor officiating. Miss Virginia Seiler was her sister's maid of honor and Roger Doherty best man. The bride wore a tailored suit of Oxford gray with a close fitting hat of seal skin and scarf of seal. Her flowers were a corsage bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor was attired in a suit of brown bolivia, a small brown hat and a corsage bouquet of Mrs. Ward's roses and lilies of the valley. Following the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Seiler, on Third street, following which Mr. and Mrs. Clegg left on a short wedding trip to Chicago before going to Jacksonville, Fla., where Mr. Clegg will report to the Quartermaster Reserve Training Corps.

DANCE PARTY.

Trinity Council, Y. M. L., will entertain its friends Monday night with a New Year's eve dancing party and greeting for 1918. Music will be furnished by one of the best orchestras, and all who attend will spend a really enjoyable evening.

RETURN THEIR THANKS.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, who are doing a great work in Louisville, wish to thank their kind benefactors who so generously contributed to their home during the past year. May God reward them and give each one a very bright and prosperous New Year. This is the wish and prayer of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the old people under their charge.

DEMOCRATS

(Continued from First Page.)

Sherley will be returned the winner by a majority of 4,000 or better.

It is also being rumored that the local Republican administration will make sweeping changes just after New Year's and will take care of all the hungry Republicans who do not land a county position when the county officials take hold. The much advertised reduction in the tax rate amounted to only two cents and did not come from the big saving that Davy Rose announced he made by cutting off innumerable supervisors, but was made by cutting off street construction and oiling of the streets. In these days of good roads movements many wonder how this will set with the great army of automobilists, good streets being allowed to run down and decay. The police and fire department is becoming further demoralized, the Trades and Labor Assembly having denounced the Mayor and Board of Safety for their conduct of the fire department, while a sample of the new police is shown when one of the new appointees the other day wandered around with a prisoner inquiring the location of the jail. They say that Col. Petty, Chief of Police, and Secretary Tom Cooke are being deluged with applications from Republicans out in the rural counties, who say that they have been Republicans all their life, but with no chance to rise because the county was hopelessly Democratic. Some of them even offer to work without pay until they learn the city streets. With the advent of the "hick" police in addition to the motormen and conductors going on we will soon have a Keystone comedy police department.

The Shelby Democratic Club held its annual Christmas tree celebration this past week for the benefit of the poor and worthy children in its district, and also to show that local Democracy is still alive and announces that it will have a bigger one next year.

DEATH SPREADS GLOOM.

Death stalked into a family Christmas celebration and made the occasion one of sorrow at 216 St. Joseph street, the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Obermeier, who was stricken suddenly with paralysis and died Tuesday night. Sons and daughters witnessed her death, which occurred before medical aid could arrive. Mrs. Obermeier was the widow of Bernard Obermeier and a respected member of St. Francis of Rome church, from where her funeral was held Friday morning. Surviving her are the following children: Benjamin D. Charles, Henry and William Obermeier; Mrs. Al Lammers, Mrs. H. Amshoff, Mrs. William Hartledge and Miss Rosa Obermeier; Sister Theodolinda Sisters, and the Rev. Neb., and Clement Landhorst, a son by a former marriage.

DACHER JOINS LAW FIRM.

Squire Frank Dacher, retiring Magistrate in the Second Magisterial district, will join the law firm of O'Neal & O'Neal in the Kenyon building after January 7. The popular and genial Squire for the past eight years has served on the bench and in the Fiscal Court with credit to himself and the public. In the Democratic party Squire Dacher has been a leading figure and his many friends and acquaintances wish him success in his new venture.

BACK TO CAMP.

John T. Maloney, who was here for a week's visit with his family, 1246 First street, has returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., where he is stationed with the Kentucky troops.

ENJOY THEIR VISIT.

Henry B. Schene and his mother, Mrs. H. Schene, have returned from a holiday trip to Morgantown, W. Va., where they enjoyed a visit with Sister M. Bernadine Schene, of the Ursuline Sisters, and the Rev. Peter Flynn, of St. Francis of Assisi parish.

RETREAT AT LORETTO.

The Rev. Father Xavier Sutton, C. P., who has been giving missions to the mountain section of Kentucky, conducted the holiday retreat at Loretto Academy, which came to a successful close Christmas morning.

DONATION BY COMISKEY.

Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the champion Chicago Americans, who made contributions totaling \$17,000 to the Red Cross on Friday, donated \$1,000 to the war camp fund of the Knights of Columbus.

JOIN HOLY NAME.

More than 1,000 soldiers have joined the Camp Custer Holy Name Society. There are 24,000 men quartered in the camp, and figures furnished the division headquarters would indicate that about 9,000 are Catholics.

BASKETBALL.

Unity Council, Y. M. L., of New Albany, has organized a basketball team to enter the contest for the City championship. A. M. Heileringer is manager, Samuel Pontrich, coach, and Alvin Corcoran, captain. The membership includes Stanley Wehner, Alvin Corcoran, Frank Haller, Carl Moser, Claude Hunkelstein, Amadee Heileringer, Carl Fenger and James McLaughlin.

JERUSALEM.

Out of a total population of 75,000 there are 50,000 Jews in the Jerusalem of today. The Moslems number 10,000 and the various Christian denominations 15,000, of whom 5,000 are Catholics. It is consoling, among the glooms of the war-time, that the infidel is de-throned in the Holy City and an army that adheres to the Cross holds dominion over Calvary.



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CONSERVATION COUNCIL.

The Catholic Conservation Council have now established themselves at 311 West Jefferson, where soldiers and their friends are availing themselves of the information bureau. Packages intended for the camp are taken care of and deliveries are being made daily. Through this office Christmas cheer was brought to a number of soldiers at each of the three Knights of Columbus buildings at the camp. The Catholic Conservation Council through this paper desires to thank the firms and individuals for donations to the Christmas tree celebration, which helped to make the affair an enjoyable one. A number of visitors have secured rooms through this bureau, but there is still great need for more places where room and board can be had at reasonable rates. Anyone willing to accommodate these visitors will be doing a patriotic duty. The parlors of the following places have been opened for the use of soldiers and their visiting friends, where a room can be secured under favorable conditions: Knights of Columbus, 816 South Fourth; Trinity Council, Y. M. L., Baxter and Morton, and Mackin Council, Y. M. L., 344 North Twenty-sixth. A number of entertainments are being arranged for the soldiers, and it would be a good idea to inform the Catholic Conservation Council regarding these, so they in turn could have them reported to Washington through C. C. North, of the War Recreation Board.

SISTER DE CHANTEL PASSES.

Sister DeChantel, one of the oldest teachers at the Nazareth Academy, died at Nazareth on Monday at the age of eighty years. She had been a member of the Sisters of Charity for fifty-seven years and had taught in many parts of the country. Among her pupils while at the old Presentation Academy was Miss Mary Anderson, who was one of her favorite pupils and with whom she corresponded until the time of her death. She also taught Congressman Ben Johnson. Before she became a nun she was Miss Mary Kinney, of Pittsburgh. She was buried at Nazareth on Wednesday morning.

ADDITIONAL HIBERNIANS.

Division 3 of Indianapolis is preparing for a banner initiation on Washington's birthday. Ways and means have been arranged for paying the national patriotic tax of \$1 per member.

Mayor Rolph, the Board of Supervisors and the Convention League are actively co-operating with the San Francisco Hibernians in preparing for the entertainment of the national convention next July.

Mrs. James O'Donnell, County President of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Indianapolis, expressed the true Hibernian spirit when she said: "As the men of our race are certainly foremost among the enlisted men serving the republic, we women of the race ought to be to the front in this Red Cross work, which is doing so much good for all who are engaged in the war everywhere."

The Ladies' Auxiliary, the largest body of organized Catholic women, has under way a splendid movement for forming Red Cross Units everywhere, under the auspices of the order. Last Friday night members of all the ten divisions of Indianapolis met in Morrison Hall in response to a special call issued by Mrs. James O'Donnell, the County President, to form a local L. A. O. H. Red Cross Unit that will be the banner unit of the Middle West.

MAYSLICK WEDDING.

John F. Gullfoyle, aged twenty-four, and Miss Ida Frances Brown, aged twenty-two, popular young people of Mayslick, were married Wednesday morning with nuptial mass at St. Rose of Lima church, in the presence of a large gathering of their friends.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Edna Alley, fifty-eight years old, wife of James G. Alley, a railroad engineer, died of nephritis on Tuesday. She recently had been residing in St. Louis. The funeral took place Thursday morning at the Sacred Heart church.

Saturday morning the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Murphy took place from St. Michael's church. She was the widow of the late John Murphy and had long been a resident of Jeffersonville where she leaves many friends and relatives.

The last solemn services over the remains of Mrs. Abby McGillicuddy were held Sunday afternoon at Holy Cross church, of which she was a faithful member. She was the widow of John J. McGillicuddy and resided at 3419 West Broadway.

John J. Cain, forty-two years old, died of diabetes Christmas morning at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. He was for twenty years an employee of the L. & N. shops. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Margaret Cain, and seven children. The funeral took place Thursday morning from St. Louis Bertrand church.

Early Thursday morning John Craigie, aged seventy-five, died at the residence of his son-in-law, William F. Schad, 253 Western -arkway. Only a short time ago, Mrs. Schad, daughter of the deceased, was called from this life. The funeral takes place this morning from St. Columba's church.

Charles Karmann, forty-three years old, died of dropsy Tuesday morning at his home, 1841 Bank street, following a long illness. He is survived by his father, Charles C. Karmann; three brothers, Edward, John and Martin Karmann, and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Eberle, Mrs. Joseph Herdt and Miss Josephine Karmann. The funeral took place Thursday morning at St. Patrick's church.

Mrs. Lena Heininger, fifty-four years old, widow of Jacob Heininger, died Sunday morning at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. She is survived by a son, Joseph Heininger; five daughters, Misses Rose, Helen and Elizabeth Heininger and Mrs. Fred Campbell, of Dayton, Ohio, and Sister Mary Leona, of the Ursuline order at Evansville, Ind., and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Heininger. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from St. Anthony's church.

Mrs. Kate Kenny, the venerable widow of Thomas Kenny, a highly respected member of St. Augustine's church, was called into eternal rest Saturday night at her home in Ohio Falls, near Jeffersonville. She was born in Ireland eighty years ago but came to America when only ten years old. Mrs. Kenny is survived by three sons, Michael, James and William Kenny, who made their home with her at 622 Lee street. Her funeral was held Monday morning. Rev. Father Halpin conducting the obsequies.

Mrs. Mary Theresa Deuser, seventy-five years old, the widow of Col. George Deuser, died at her home, 1075 West Broadway, Sunday afternoon of hardening of the arteries. She is survived by four daughters, Misses Bertha and Emma Deuser and Mrs. George Schurich and Mrs. Joseph Demuth, Sr. Six grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from Sacred Heart church, where for years she was a devout communicant.

LOYAL TO CHURCH.

In his report Gen. Von Blasing, of the German army and Acting governor of Belgium, says: "Church questions in Belgium have often been described as ex-

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Extremely serious. I admit that precisely the German provinces of Belgium which once defended their Protestantism so heroically, are today far more convinced adherents of the Catholic church than are the easily moved Walloons; any German statesman who is appointed to control the German administration in Belgium must realize that Catholicism is, and will remain, a strong and living force in Belgium, and that among the most important requirements for successful German work is an intelligent regard for the Catholic church and its disciples. The problem of our influence upon the schools can be solved in agreement with the clergy; if obligatory religious teaching is introduced in the same way as the general obligation to attend school; there are a number of points of contact and agreement between the future German administration and the Catholic clergy, which must learn more and more to understand that the Catholic church enjoys and can enjoy under the power of Germany protection quite different from that which it will have in Belgium under French influences, turns toward a completely radical philosophy."

PLUNKETT IS HOPEFUL.

In a speech in Dublin on Friday night of last week in which he dealt with the probable results of the Irish convention Sir Horace Plunkett, Chairman of the convention, was hopeful for the future. He said that while he was unable as yet to promise an unanimous report, the convention had agreed on so many points that it would certainly leave the Irish question better than it had found it.